

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 146, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3381–S3582*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 638–663, S. Res. 79–80, and S. Con. Res. 11. **Pages S3550–51**

#### Measures Passed:

**Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act:** By 77 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 106), Senate passed H.R. 146, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S3385–S3513**

##### Adopted:

Coburn Amendment No. 682 (to Amendment No. 684), to protect scientists and visitors to federal lands from unfair penalties for collecting insignificant rocks. **Pages S3385, S3388–89**

Bingaman Amendment No. 684, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3385–S3513**

Bingaman Amendment No. 686, to amend the title. **Page S3513**

##### Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 677 (to Amendment No. 684), to require Federal agencies to determine on an annual basis the quantity of land that is owned by each Federal agency and the cost to taxpayers of the ownership of the land. (By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 104), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3385, S3386–87, S3388**

Coburn Amendment No. 683 (to Amendment No. 684), to prohibit funding for congressional earmarks for wasteful and parochial pork projects. (By 70 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 105), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3385, S3387, S3389**

**National Safe Place Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 80, designating the week beginning March 15, 2009, as “National Safe Place Week”. **Page S3578**

#### Measures Considered:

**Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act—Cloture Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws. **Page S3577**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 19, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2009, and that if cloture is invoked, then post-cloture time count as if cloture had been invoked at 3 p.m., on Monday, March 23, 2009. **Page S3577**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 23, 2009. **Page S3578**

#### Appointments:

**U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Section 154 of Public Law 108–199, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senator E. Benjamin Nelson. **Page S3578**

**U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Section 154 of Public Law 108–199, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senator Gregg. **Page S3578**

**Congressional Award Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Wiley Dobbs of Idaho. **Page S3578**

**Technology Policy Committee:** The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 111–5, appointed the following individual to the Health Information Technology Policy Committee: Richard Chapman of Kentucky. **Page S3578**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 61 yeas 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 107), Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

John P. Holdren, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Kathleen A. Merrigan, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

April S. Boyd, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Michelle DePass, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Peter Cunningham, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, Department of Education.

Brian Vincent Kennedy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S3548**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—107) **Pages S3388, S3389, S3394, S3536**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3578.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND, U.S. STRATEGIC COMMAND, AND U.S. FORCES KOREA

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Pacific Command, United States Strategic Command, and United States Forces Korea, after receiving testimony from Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command, General Kevin P. Chilton, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General Walter L. Sharp, USA, Commander, United Nations Command and Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command, and Commander, United States Forces Korea, all of the Department of Defense.

### BANK SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine bank supervision and regulation, after receiving testimony from John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Scott M. Polakoff, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Daniel K. Tarullo, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Michael E. Fryzel, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; Joseph A. Smith, Jr., North Carolina Commissioner of Banks, Raleigh, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; and George Reynolds, Georgia Department of Banking and Finance, Atlanta, on behalf of the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors.

### DEPOSIT INSURANCE

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Subcommittee on Financial Institutions concluded a hearing to examine current issues in deposit insurance, after receiving testimony from Arthur J. Murton, Director, Division of Insurance and Research, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; David M. Marquis, Executive Director, National Credit Union Administration; William Grant, First United Bank and Trust, Oakland, Maryland, on behalf of